

Village of Los Lunas



660 Main Street NW P.O. Box 1209
Los Lunas New Mexico 87031
Phone (505) 839-3840 FAX (505) 352-3580

Volume 9 Number 5

July 2005

2005-2006 Budget Includes Transportation Building, Many Other Improvements

The Village's General Fund estimated revenues for the 2005-2006 fiscal year will be \$14.9 million with estimated expenses of \$16.1 million. Ending cash balance is estimated to be \$3.5 million.

Included in the street department's capital outlay budget for the year is \$4.2 million legislative appropriation improvements for public right-of-way infrastructure improvements in Los Morros Business Park. These improvements will facilitate the building of the structure which will house national cabinet maker Merillat Industries Inc. Merillat officials plan on a \$36 million 260,000 square foot manufacturing plant that will eventually employ 700 people. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

Also in the street department's capital outlay budget is \$1.3 million in highway co-op funds which are used to improve village roads; \$500,000 for a transportation study; \$219,529 for Luna Hills work (\$630,000 will also be spent on sewer for the Luna Hills project); \$400,000 for sidewalks; \$160,220 for Juan Perea Road; and \$200,920 for Carson Park Drainage.

The transportation building at Juan Perea and Courthouse road has been allocated \$1.2 million which includes the building and parking. This will be one of eight stops currently planned from Belen to Bernalillo for the New Mexico Rail Runner Express, the commuter train.

The village's parks and recreation department has been budgeted the following in capital outlay expenditures: \$509,000 for Daniel Fernandez Park improvements; \$260,000 for the Little League Complex; and more than \$500,000 for various other park improvements.

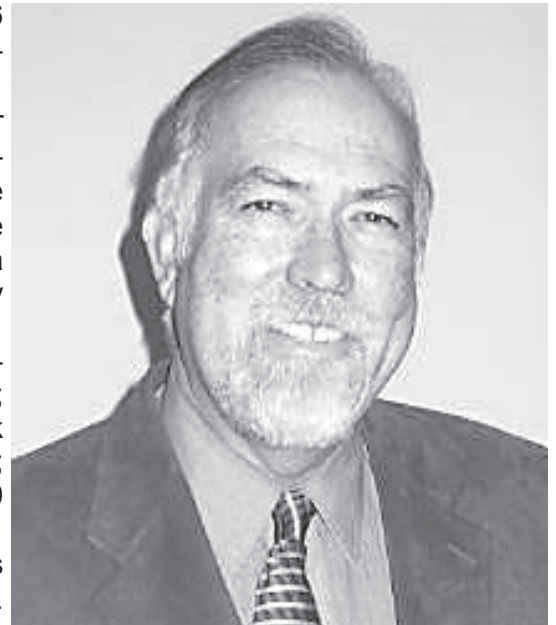
Some other capital outlay expenditures are:

- Police Department — computer and security system; vests; police units and equipment; and wi-fi connectivity for police cars.
- Water/Sewer Department — water rights acquisition; meters; telemetry system; and a truck.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant — grease trap inspection and funding to begin planning for the plant's expansion.

Other items in the village's 2005-2006 budget include:

- A 50¢ an hour salary increase for all entry level positions, current police officers and EMTs/Firefighters. All staff will received a 3 percent cost of living raise and 4 percent Pay for Performance. Benefit increases include no cost to the employees for a 4.9 percent increase in medical insurance.

New positions include an additional building inspector and a part time library assistant.



New Mayor Pro Tem

Village Councilor Robert Vialpando was elected by the council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem of the Village Council June 2004-June 2005. He succeeds Councilor Charles Griego. Councilors rotate the job of Mayor Pro Tem on a yearly basis to give everyone an opportunity to perform this service. The Mayor Pro Tem fills in for the Mayor of Los Lunas when the mayor can't be at a meeting or attend events.

**VISIT THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE
www.loslunasnm.gov**

Water Conservation Continues to Be Needed

With the hot months upon us, it's an excellent opportunity to talk about Water Conservation in Los Lunas and New Mexico.

The state had a wet winter but we experienced several years of drought preceding that wet winter. It is always important to conserve water in our environment no matter how much moisture we receive.

The village is constantly working on its Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan. All municipalities in the state have developed such a plan as this has been mandated by state legislation.

One of the focuses of the plan is reducing water wastes such as over-watering, inefficient watering or releasing excess water which generates fugitive water in the public rights-of-way.

The plan also attempts to reduce damage to publicly-owned streets and the public expenditures nec-

essary to repair the damage caused by wasted water; and to increase street safety by reducing the potential of frozen water on public rights-of-way.

The Village is committed to providing information on conserving water in the home including finding, fixing and preventing indoor water leaks, installing water-saving devices, purchasing water-efficient appliances and re-using water whenever possible.

The village council as well as the administration want to protect the quantity and quality of the village's water resources.



Transportation Study Goes on the Road

Presentations have been made to community organizations discussing Phase I and Phase 2 of the Village's Comprehensive Transportation Study.

The presentation includes a review of traffic counts on the existing roadway system of the village and at key locations outside the village. These traffic counts are an integral part of the study and were performed during Phase I.

Phase 1 revealed many interesting aspects of the continued growth and change within the village.

Phase 2 of the study took the gathered data to develop traffic volume projections for the future as well as develop planning level solutions to be able to handle those traffic volumes. Phase 2 was conducted in 2004 and the early months of 2005.

The computer model used in the traffic study is demonstrated, oftentimes by using the questions posed by the audience.

The purpose of the recommendations and costs provided in the study will be to provide a planning and budgeting tool for the Village of Los Lunas.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge *Jeff Aragon*

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo **Master Municipal Clerk**

Chief of Police *Nick Balido*

Art Cans Now On Display

The Art Cans are now being artfully displayed at the following locations:

The Art Can decorated by Raymond Gabaldon Intermediate at the Village Administrative offices.

Mariposa Elementary:
Village offices.

Daniel Fernandez Intermediate: (pictured at right):
Village offices.

Tome Elementary: Los Lunas Public Library.

Katherine Gallegos Elementary: Los Lunas Public Library

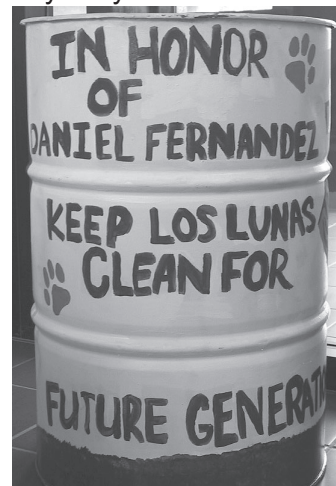
Los Lunas Elementary:
Bristles Art Supply.

Peralta Elementary:
Coldstone Ice Cream Store.

Bosque Farms Elementary: Starlight Theater.

Valencia Elementary: Bristles Art Supply.

The Art Cans were decorated by students using a litter prevention theme.



Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the administrative building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are:

July 21 August 4 & 18

September 1 & 15 October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17 December 8 & 29

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Administration Office, located at 660 Main Street, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).